

Monthly Report Template for COMPETE Grantees

Grantee: Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa Ltd

Report for the month of: January 2012

Activities Activities should be directly in-line with your grant agreement	Activity Status If the activity has been accomplished, please give results. If the activity has not been accomplished, please provide an explanation.
To link input suppliers with producers and producers with buyers	Due to over-sourcing in 2011, GMCR will not be purchasing coffee from Kilicafe this year. Sustainable Harvest recently received a grant from GMCR to work with Kilicafe in 2012-13 in improving coffee productivity and are certain their buyer relationship with Kilicafe will remain strong into the future. In January Dillanos purchased one container of Kilicafe and shipment logistics are confirmed.
To conduct trainings on: -Quality management training workshops -Wet mill management workshops -RFID/cell phone use workshops -RITS system workshops for dry mill managers and cuppers	On January 19th, Carly Griggs and Andre Almeida travelled to Mbinga. The objectives of this trip were to complete RITS user surveys for the three groups in the South for Monitoring and Evaluation requirements, to troubleshoot any concerns regarding the system and to conduct organic composting trainings with interested small-holder producers. 32 producers at Mahenge and 50 at Kihuka attended the trainings. In total 87 Compete Best Practices manuals were dispatched. The training did not commence at Umoja Ilela due to lack of attendance. The future of Umoja Ilela under the Kilicafe umbrella remains uncertain and Sustainable Harvest stand prepared to train another group in the Southern Chapter in the event of the group detaching. A full trip report has been attached to the January 2012 reconciliation.
Collection, bulking, cleaning, sorting, drying, storage of RITS tracked coffee at the dry mill	In the month of January, Kilicafe closed the 2011/2012 season. No coffee was collected at the RITS washing stations. The 2012/2013 harvest is due to commence in May.
To begin implementing the no-costs extension	At the end of the month Carly Griggs traveled with Rashid Bushiri, Kilicafe Northern Chapter Production Officer, to visit three new potential groups to include in the RITS program in 2012. At least five more groups will be assessed in February before the final five groups are chosen. Training is due to commence in March.

Additional Information:

Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa staff, Laura Paslawski, Carly Griggs and Boss Farijallah expect to travel to Ethiopia for the 2012 EAFCA conference and look forward to meeting with USAID/COMPETE to further discuss successes and challenges from the RITS program in 2011 as well as plans for moving forward.

